Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Tuesday 19 Sep 2023 until 23:59 on Wednesday 20 Sep 2023

Forecast Issued on Monday 18 Sep 2023 at 16:33 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for the unsettled, and at times wet and windy period.

Headline for Tuesday 19 Sep 2023: Bright spells and showers. Rain later. Chilly and windy over the summits.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 19 Sep 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy rain showers (night)	Heavy rain showers (night)	Heavy rain showers (night)	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability							
60%	60%	60%	40%	30%	30%	40%	80%

Forecast for Tuesday 19 Sep 2023

Weather: Mostly cloudy with showers or longer outbreaks overnight and early morning, these wintry at first over the highest summits. The showers becoming well scattered for a time during the day with drier and brighter spells, but rain reaching Skye and the south later in the afternoon and extending north to all ranges in the evening, perhaps the odd rumble of thunder.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70%, but 30% early and later in the day.

Low cloud and visibility: Occasional or extensive cloud, base 900 to 1200m, but occasional 600m early morning and in showers, becoming extensive 600m or less from the south later in the day. Visibility good or very good, but moderate to very poor in rain, showers and summit cloud.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	32/39 SW	31/39 SW	28/35 SW	29/36 SW	30/40 SW	29/38 SW	18/24 S	20/27 E	25/34 SE
900	30/38 SW	29/37 SW	27/34 SW	27/34 SW	29/39 SW	28/36 SW	18/24 S	20/27 E	24/32 SE
600	20/28 SW	18/26 SW	17/24 SW	18/26 SW	21/31 SW	20/29 SW	14/20 S	14/22 E	15/23 SE
300	6/26 SW	5/25 SW	5/23 SW	6/24 SW	9/30 SW	8/27 SW	6/18 S	6/19 E	6/22 SE
Glen	10/22 SW	8/20 SW	7/18 S	10/21 SW	13/26 SW	12/24 SW	8/16 S	12/23 E	12/25 SE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	2/-6	2/-5	2/-5	3/-4	4/-3	4/-2	3/-2	4/-2	6/1
900	3/-4	3/-4	3/-4	4/-3	5/-1	5/-1	4/-1	4/-1	6/2
600	5/-0	5/0	5/1	6/2	8/3	8/3	6/3	6/3	8/5
300	7/6	7/6	7/6	9/8	10/9	10/9	8/7	8/6	10/8
Glen	10/8	10/8	10/8	11/9	13/11	13/11	11/9	11/8	12/10
Freezing Level*	1300m	1300m	1300m	1400m	1400m	1500m	1700m	2700m	2600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Nothing further to add.

Forecast for Wednesday 20 Sep 2023
Weather: Mostly cloudy with showers or longer outbreaks of rain, the best of any drier and brighter conditions over Ben Wyvis and the east, and perhaps Assynt and the north at first.

Maximum wind: West or Southwest 30 to 40 gusting 55mph, but could be significantly less in the north as the centre of the low tracks across the area.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30% in the west, 60% in the east and perhaps north. Visibility moderate or poor in rain or showers, very poor at times over the summits. Good or very good at times in the east and possibly the north.

Low cloud and visibility: Extensive cloud, base 600 to 900m, lifting and breaking 900 to 1200m at times in the north and east. Visibility moderate to very poor in rain or showers and summit cloud, but good or very good at times in the north and east.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 8 to 15 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 8 Celsius, falling to 4 Celsius in the evening.
Freezing level: Above the summits.

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